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1. A woman whose husband is a PW in Russia was told by an official of the Frauenausschuss in Wallstrasse, Berlin, that an agreement has been reached between the Soviet Trade Unions and the FDGB by which German PW's can be given preferential treatment for release if their relatives bring proof of the following points to the Frauenausschuss:

- That neither the PW nor his relatives were members of the Nazi Party.
- That the PW or his relatives belonged to left-wing parties before the war.

In addition, it is desirable that the relatives now belong to the SED. It is of no use at all to present proof that they are members of the SPD.

2. A Russian major is reported to have said that the 120,000 PWs being released by the USSR have to be replaced by other workers. Since political prisoners are not available in such numbers, most of the replacements must come from PWs returning from the USA and Great Britain, who are almost all in good physical shape and need political retraining in the USSR.

3. Former Wehrmacht officers up to the age of thirty were arrested in their homes and taken to the railway station in Leipzig early in September. They were reportedly shipped to the USSR.

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